

going to be too hot to sleep
tonight. Standing naked before
the mirror, six feet of bones

stacked on the bathroom rug,
I'm bothered by my inability to
sweat. At 145 pounds, I feel

fat & heavy and at 30 years of
age, a little too old to be
planning my future.

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3 SISTERS

I went to pay rent on my storage
which is now run by 3 middle-aged sisters
cheerily they greeted me "Oh how nice
youve come to pay early"
I responded "Well you burnt me so bad last month
thought Id pay early this time"
that off-handed remark ruffled their feathers
"Sir we did not burn you"
"Well I was 2 days late and you charged me eleven seventy
over"
"Thats what rules are made for sir" said the other fat one
"Five bucks bookkeeping? Whats that?"
Furiously digging thru the files for a copy of the letter
they sent me
"I never received any letter"
"Sir its not our problem if you didnt get your mail"
"Well itd help if you sent it
And a dollar seventy for postage?
I thought stamps were twenty two cents"
Feathers were really flying now
"And five dollars for a fine
Ive had my stuff in here for five years and never
been charged a late fee"
"Sir thats what rules are for" I didnt
know how to take that
but clearly not making any friends here
I resolved to get my valuables out of there soon
cant trust these bitches
theyd put a lien on it quick
if I was unable to pay the rent for some reason